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May 10, 2011 Postal Regulatory Commission Office of the Chief Admin. Officer

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Shoshana Grove, Secretary of the Commission Postal Regulatory Commission 901 New York Avenue, Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

RE: Appeal of closure of Akron – East Station, Akron, Ohio 44305

Dear Ms. Grove,

I am a resident and small business owner that is served by the Akron-East Post Station located on 1763 Goodyear Blvd. in Akron, Ohio 44305. I am writing this correspondence to serve as a formal request to institute the appeals process regarding the Postal Service's decision to close the Akron- East Station. Therefore, enclosed please find:

- Petition for Review of the United States Postal Service's decision to close the Akron-East Post Office located at 1763 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, Ohio 44305;
- Application for Suspension;
- Filing Online-Account Holder Application;
- Freedom of Information Act Request sent to the Postal Service; and,
- A copy of the Postal Service's determination to close the Akron-East Post Office.

I intend to expand upon the arguments set forth in my Petition for Review upon receipt of the PRC Form 61 or as a brief. I look forward to receiving a briefing schedule.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Connor

Enclosures

BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C 20268-0001

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Akron-East Station)	Docket No.	A2011-16
1763 Goodyear Blvd., 44305)		
(Paul J. Connor Petitioner))		

PETITION FOR REVIEW

I, Paul J. Connor petition the Postal Regulatory Commission for review of the decision by the United States Postal Service to close the Akron-East post office Station located at 1763 Goodyear Boulevard, Akron, Ohio 44305. The United State Postal Service issued this decision on April 11, 2011. A copy of the written determination of the United States Postal Service to close the Akron-East post office is appended to this petition.

I, Paul J. Connor, receive mail service at 867 Morningview Ave., Akron, OH 44305 and am served by the Akron-East Post Office. I am also a small business owner, Wandering Eyes Mobile Opticians, and frequently use the Akron-East post office through my business.

This petition is timely as it has been filed within thirty (30) days of the United States Postal Service's written determination to close the Akron-East post office.

Additionally, please allow this Petition for Review to serve as a formal request to obtain the "Final Determination to Close the Akron-East Post Office,"

the "Proposal to Close the Akron-East Post Office," and, the Administrative Record including all comments that the District Manager, Customer Service and Sales, were required to gather, maintain, and consider under 39 CFR § 241.3.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Paul J. Connor, hereby requests the Commission to set aside the Postal Service's decision to close the Akron-East Post office as that decision was arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and unsupported by the substantial evidence in the record. Alternatively, Petitioner Paul J. Connor, hereby requests the Commission to suspend the effectiveness of the Postal Service's determination to close the Akron-East facility and return the matter to the Postal Service for further consideration in accordance with the procedures set forth in 39 U.S.C. 404.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul J. Comor

867 Morningview Ave.

Akron, OH 44305

Persons who are to receive service are:

COUNCILMAN JEFF FUSCO Akron City Council Municipal Building 166 High Street, 3rd Floor Akron, OH 44308 COUNCILWOMAN KELLI CRAWFORD Akron City Council Municipal Building 166 High Street, 3rd Floor Akron, OH 44308



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If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Victor Dubina, at (216) 443-4596.

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Manager Records Office US Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW RM 4541 Washington D.C. 20260-2201

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North Park Retail, San Diego, CA	216,580	155,400	13,817	21,108	9=4	406,905	237;961		237,36
Park Station, Berkeley, CA	85,465	8,400		1,563	-	95,428	55,018	(18,420)	39,24
Pawtucket Valley Falls, Cumberland, RI	54,145	30,201	9,247	14,241	(4,028)	103,806	60.054	(92,103)	(91,550
Port Wentworth, Savannah, GA	70,122	14,818	38,929	17,391	-	141,260	82,402		82,40
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Dearborn-Teleford, Dearborn, MI	214,248	60,000		55,325	(35,042)	294,531	171,810	(240,609)	(68,798)
East 14th Retail, Des Moines, IA		31,400		1,227		32,627	19,032	(72 July 2	(63,984)
East Akron Akron, OH	173,852	99,900		40,295	a l	314,047	105,194		103,194
Eastside, Tuscaloosa, Al	282,904	51,815		19,897		354,616	20,049	(625,000)	(376,141)
Eastway, Charlotte, NC	153,955	61,600		10,672		226,227	tal ala	(25,000)	100,958
Edgewater, Lakewood, OH	109,584	19,722		14,098		143,404	63,002	(20,000)	50,662
Elmwood, Syracuse, NY	56,621	11,928	18,088	12,571		99,208	57,575	(68,973)	(31,102)
Fairfax, Kansas City, KS	51,591	16,302	31,059	11,499	(22,206)	88,245	51,478	(1.778)	49,702
Gary-Brunswick, Gary, IN	107,126	21,600		6,732	(2,541)	132,917	774,6319		77.835
Great Southwest, Arlington, TX				89,929		89,929	58.A59		52,459
Huntington, Cleveland, OH	107,104	8,550		6,036		121,690	70,000		70,988
Kaiser Center, Oakland, CA	139,461	19,478		3,915	(29,447)	133,406	77,820	(19,904)	61,916
Kamms, Cleveland, OH	60,257	20,960		9,859		91,076	80,128		58 128
Lindenwald, Hamilton, OH	56,617	6,300		-		62,917	. 38,701		36,701

²⁰ Annual savings include retail salaries and fringe benefits, leases, utilities, maintenance, and transportation minus any additional costs to be absorbed by gaining facilities.
²¹ One-time costs include building alterations and lease buyouts.